(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether works have been initiated on the proposal;

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(e) the time by when the work is expected to begin along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal for setting up of a wagon factory in Kerala. However, a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) has been signed between Ministry of Railways and Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Kerala (which owns Steel Industries Kerala Ltd.) to form a Joint Venture Company for fabrication of bogie frames of ICF design coaches and side/end walls etc. for wagons.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Survey for laying of new railway lines

†116. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals of survey work for laying new railway lines has been included in the railway budget of the year 2008-09;

(b) the time limit set for completion of survey work of the above new railway lines; and

(c) the figures of the railway network in the country State-wise and the position of Rajasthan in comparison to other States alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) 37 surveys for New Board Gauge Lines have been included in the Railway Budget 2008-09. The surveys are normally planned for completion within 2-3 years depending upon the availability of manpower and resources.

(c) Detailed State-wise route kms. of Railway lines at the end of 2006-07 is given in the Railway Year Book 2006-07 which is distributed alongwith Railway Budget Documents.

Double stack container on Kandla-Bhatinda rail line

117. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal in February, 2008 regarding providing facility of double stack container towards Kandla-Bhiladi-Samdari-Jodhpur-Bhatinda railway line; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the present status of the proposal?

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